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SUBJ: DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE (DBS) WORKING GROUP:
FUTURE WORK

REF S : A. USUN 2316 B. USUN 2328

1. EXTENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG PROPONENTS
OF DIVERGENT DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE WORK OF DBS
WORKING GROUP (REF A) ACHIEVED AGREEMENT OF FOLLOWING
COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH THEN APPROVED BY WG FOR INCLUSION IN ITS
REPORT, WHICH WAS AGREED UPON IN TOTO JUNE 22 P. M.:

BEGIN QTE:

THE WORKING GROUP HAS, PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 2915(XXVII), REVIEWED SUBSTANTIVE MATERIAL ON
THE TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO DIRECT
SATELLITE BROADCASTING MADE AVAILABLE SINCE ITS LAST SESSION.
THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO GIVE ITS PRIMARY
ATTENTION TO RELEVANT LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WHILE
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CONTINUING TO STUDY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SATELLITE BROADCASTING
TECHNOLOGY AND RELEVANT ECONOMIC FACTORS. IN THIS CONNEXION,
THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERS THAT ANOTHER SESSION SHOULD BE
CONVENED BEFORE THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUB-
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER
SPACE. DURING THE COURSE OF THAT SESSION, THE WORKING GROUP

SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRINCIPLES ON THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2916 (XXVII), WITH A VIEW TO MAKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WORK OF THE LEGAL SUB- COMMITTEE IN THIS FIELD. THIS WOULD PERMIT THE LEGAL SUB- COMMITTEE TO DISCHARGE MORE EFFECTIVELY SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES AS MAY BE CONFERRED UPON IT.

IN ITS WORK, THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BASIC LEGAL AND OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS, ON BOTH GLOBAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS, AS WELL AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS INCLUDING THE DECISIONS OF THE 1971 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR SPACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD ALSO STUDY WAYS TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL CO- OPERATION WITH THE AIM OF DERIVING MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM BROADCAST SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IT WILL BE OBSERVED THAT TEXT IS PRIMARILY BASED ON ARGENTIAN- CANADA, SWEDEN PROPOSAL; UK IN PARTICULAR URGED THIS UPON PROPONENTS OF OTHER DRAFT AS ONLY WORKABLE TACTIC TO PRESERVE OUR SHARED SUBSTANTIVE POSITION. IN FACT, ALL THREE COSPONSORS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR TAKING THIS COURSE. WHILE DELICATELY BALANCED COMPROMISE IS NOT IDEAL, WE BELIEVE ESSENTIAL POSITION IS MAINTAINED IN THAT THERE IS NO MANDATE TO ELABORATE PRINCIPLES. IN ADDITION, EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON LEGAL- POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN ORIGNIAL ARGENTINA- CANADA- SWEDEN DRAFT HAS BEEN DIFFUSED TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF RELEVANT TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS. MIGHT BE WORTH NOTING THAT WG CONSENSUS WAS THREATENED BRIEFLY WHEN INDIAN DEL PRIVATELY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COMPROMISE TEXT " DID NOT GO NEARLY FAR ENOUGH." CANADIANS PERSUADED HIM NOT TO RAISE FORMAL OBJECTION. SCHAUFELLE

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